

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's amendment, filed 05/28/2008, has been entered.
Claims 1-22 have been canceled.
Claims 27-30 have been added
Claims 23-26 have been amended.
Claims 23-30 are pending and currently being allowed.

Examiner's Amendment

2. The title has been replaced by the following:
-- METHODS FOR DETECTING HUMAN LOW MOLECULAR WEIGHT CD14 --

Reason for Allowance

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
The previous rejections under 35 USC 112, first and second paragraphs, have been obviated by Applicant's amendment to the claims, arguments and assurances for the biological deposit, submitted 05/28/2008. The present claims drawn to a method for detecting human low molecular weight CD14 using antibodies that bind specific sequences of the CD14 appear to be free of the art.
For examination purposes, "+2SD" in claim 27 reads on "+2 standard deviation".
4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SHARON WEN whose telephone number is (571)270-3064. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 8:30AM-6:00PM, ALT. Friday, EST.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eileen O'Hara can be reached on (571)272-0878. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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